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Sincerely,

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In addition, with the high cost of new digital equipment, I should be able to purchase one digital display to use for both my computer and my television viewing. I can't invest in a \$4,000 television, and a wide, digital computer monitor, but a combined viewer would be more in line with my budget. These devices are already available, and I should be able to use an item for more than one purpose if I so desire.

I do not understand how "free television" could be so restricted. The law states that using a VCR for time-shifting broadcast television shows is a fair use. How can restricting my fair use be appropriate? I completely disagree with the entire concept, and strongly urge the FCC to oppose this regulation.

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